

9th District MLK Jr. Day Youth Conference: 2021 Application



Congressman Andy Levin is pleased to announce the launch of an annual event for 9th District high school students to deeply honor and build on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a driver of system change. Participants will leave this experience with a greater sense of Dr. King's opposition to entrenched power structures and his dedication to nonviolent direct action. We hope our student participants will be inspired to exemplify the values of the civil rights movement in their own lives and activism.

About the event: The inaugural 9th District MLK Jr. Day Youth Conference will be held online Saturday, January 16th and Sunday, January 17th, 2021. One 10th grade student and one 11th grade student will be selected from each participating high school. The deadline to apply is Sunday, November 1st at 11:59pm. You can complete the application online at <http://andylevin.house.gov/mlk-youth-conference> or by filling out the form below and emailing it to Eleanor.gamalski@mail.house.gov

Event Schedule

Saturday, January 16th, 7-8pm: Kickoff Celebration - Students are encouraged to invite their families and teachers to tune in for this evening virtual event. We'll kick off the weekend with some learning, spoken word, music, and get energized for the conference on Sunday; and we'll introduce you and all the participating students!

Sunday, January 17th, 2-5pm: MLK Jr. Youth Conference - In this virtual conference, students will hear from community leaders and educators on Civil Rights history. Students will break into groups to learn about and discuss aspects of the Civil Rights movement in small circles (think "Women and the Civil Rights Movement," or "Principles of Nonviolence."). The day will conclude with the full group, with students reflecting on take-aways and what they mean to their lives moving forward.

Student Application

Do you meet the following criteria?

- Your high school is a participating high school in the Youth Conference. (See <http://andylevin.house.gov/mlk-youth-conference> for the list of schools.)
- You are a 10th or 11th grade student.
- You are available to attend the schedule of online events Saturday, January 16th, 7-8pm and Sunday, January 17th, 2-5pm.

____ Yes, I meet the criteria above.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Age: _____

City/Township/Village of Residence: _____
High School: _____
Current Class Standing: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

Will you have access to a reliable internet connection and a computer on **January 16, 2021, from 7-8 P.M** and **January 17, 2021 from 2-5 P.M.?**

Yes _____ No _____

Note: If not, we will make every effort to make accommodations available.

Please respond to the following in a few complete sentences:

1. Tell us about an important moment in your life or a favorite story about yourself.
2. How has the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. inspired you?
3. Why do you believe social change is important?
4. Tell us about a time when you made a positive impact in your community.
5. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
6. Can you commit to completing short homework and staying present during the online event? Can you foresee any challenges to your participation or areas where you will need support?
7. Do you have any accessibility needs we should know about?

Thank you! Please send a copy of your application to Eleanor.Gamalski@mail.house.gov by Sunday, November 1st at 11:59pm. You will be notified about a decision regarding your application by mid-November. Please note that if you are under the age of 18, we will follow up to ask for a signature from your parent or guardian to participate in the event.